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## FINAL BATTLE ENDS FOR CHAVEZ

Venezuelans took to the streets Tuesday to mourn the death of President Hugo Chavez, seen during a government march in Caracas in 2002. Chavez, who electrified Latin America for more than a decade, died after a battle with cancer. Story, page 6. ARIANA CUBILLOS & FERNANDO LLANO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# UFC to start kickin' in the 'Peg this June

**MMA.** Locals excited  
to see mixed martial  
arts stars live

There's only one fight confirmed so far for Winnipeg's Ultimate Fighting Championship debut, but it's shaping up to be a treat for longtime mixed martial arts fans.

The already planned rematch between Mauricio (Shogun) Rua and Antonio Rogerio Nogueira will take place at UFC 161 at Winnipeg's MTS Centre on June 15.

The fight seems tailored for nostalgic UFC fans as a rematch of a 2005 Pride Fighting Championship card that ended in a unanimous decision for Rua. Japan-based Pride has since been swallowed by the



Tom Wright METRO

UFC empire.

"They had an epic three-round battle in Japan," Tom Wright, director of operations for UFC Canada, said at a press conference Tuesday. He added that there would be five events on the main card, including a championship.

Wright, a former commis-

sioner of the CFL, said Tuesday that Winnipeg had been discussed for some time as a possible venue and was "the next logical step" in developing the UFC in Canada.

Wright said the organization knows the importance of having Canadian fighters on the card, such as Winnipeg's Roland Delorme, who was featured on Ultimate Fighter.

"We've got eight Canadians on the card in Montreal," he said.

The other UFC cards already planned this year for Canada are in Montreal this month and Toronto in September.

The Winnipeg event will also be shown live on pay-per-view.

An event like this planned for Winnipeg can generate \$10 million in economic benefit, said Wright. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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'Sorrow ... remorse'

## Retired Manitoba soldier apologizes for training deaths

A retired soldier apologized Tuesday for leading a training accident in Afghanistan that left one colleague dead and four others injured.

"I feel horrible and I would like to extend my deepest sorrow, regret and remorse," former warrant officer Paul Ravensdale said during his sentencing hearing before a court martial on four charges, including breach of duty causing death. "My intent wasn't to go over and have this happen. My intent was to go over and do some good."

The tall, bearded 43-year-old appeared tired and sluggish during his testimony. He is on anti-depression and other medications, and popped one pill as he talked about the training exercise he led near Kandahar on Feb. 12, 2010.

Ravensdale was leading a test of C-19 anti-personnel mines on a weapons range when one mine misfired and sent hundreds of steel ball bearings in the wrong direction. Instead of fanning out forwards, they shot backwards toward soldiers who were watching.

Some of the projectiles hit and killed Cpl. Josh Baker, who was 24.

Ravensdale was convicted of ignoring the operating manual for C-19 mines, as well as for neglecting Canadian Forces training safety rules.

"When my son breathed his last breath on that day in Afghanistan, my life ended," Baker's mother Janet testified.

"There is no life any more ... just an existence, a shell walking around."

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## A portrait of the speaker as a ... middle-aged man?

George Hickes, Manitoba's former speaker of the Legislative Assembly and longtime MLA for Point Douglas, stands next to his official portrait, by painter Andrew Valko, which was unveiled at the Legislature on Tuesday. Hickes said the artwork featured behind him in the portrait was a gift from his mother, Jenny Tootoo, when he was first elected in 1990.

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## Zane Tessler. Leader of recently formed police justice unit named

The Manitoba government has named the first executive director of the recently formed Independent Investigation Unit.

Zane Tessler, who has more than 30 years of experience as both a Crown attorney and criminal defence lawyer, accepted the post, tasked with ensuring stronger oversight and more transparent investigations of major incidents involving police officers, Justice Minister Andrew Swan said in a statement released on Tuesday.

"A civilian-led investigation unit is a cornerstone of

the Police Services Act and the IIU needs an experienced and respected leader," Swan said.

The province's Police Services Act was created on the basis of recommendations made by the Taman Inquiry, which scrutinized police conduct following the 2005 car-crash death of Crystal Taman and the trial of the now-former officer charged with her death, Derek Harvey-Zenk.

As executive director, Tessler's top priority will be to make IIU operational by establishing its policies and regulations, and hiring investigators. **METRO**

# Free-flying females

**Pretty fly.** Women, girls have opportunity to take to the skies — for free

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Women who have never had the chance to fly will be able to do so this weekend — for free.

As many as 500 women and girls will take to the air in planes and helicopters as part of Women Fly!, an event coinciding with the second annual Women of Aviation Worldwide Week.

Organizer Dr. Jill Oakes said beyond giving women the experience of flying, the goal is to introduce them to aviation-related careers.

The STARS air ambulance and crew, as well as the Win-

nipeg Police Service helicopter, will be on hand, provided they don't get a call.

"If there's an emergency, you'll get to see them take off in quite a flurry," Oakes said. "I hope there's not an emergency, but it's quite something to see them at work."

Manitoba is the "centre of aviation in Canada," she said, in part because so many northern communities depend on it.

"Anything from construction, education, health industry — you can't do it unless you can get there through aviation."

Men are also welcome to check out the numerous career opportunities and try a flight simulator.

The event runs from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. this Saturday. Oakes said on Monday there are still free flights available for reservation. Reserve online at [womenofaviationweek.org](http://womenofaviationweek.org).



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## St. Boniface. Manitoba has new tool to more quickly diagnose breast cancer

The Manitoba government introduced a new machine on Tuesday that will more quickly determine which form of breast cancer a patient has and the best treatment for it.

Health Minister Theresa Oswald said the new tool, which is installed at the Diagnostic Services of Manitoba laboratory at St. Boniface Hospital, will shorten the number of weeks a patient would wait for this crucial information.

Up until now, she added, hundreds of patient tests had to be sent out of province for diagnosis, a process that takes six weeks.

"This equipment will de-

termine the genetic makeup of breast cancer cells so that cancer doctors can determine the most effective, customized treatment for each patient."

Dr. Dhali Dhaliwal, president and CEO of Cancer-Care Manitoba, said anything that improves the quality and speed of decision-making will save lives.

"Previously, we had to go through the rigmarole of getting the tissue samples, sending them to Toronto and then waiting for that result to be done. And of course that bigger laboratory has other provinces also," he said.

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## A real Beauty at RWB

Royal Winnipeg Ballet dancers Jo-Ann Sundermeier and Oleksii Potomkin go through their roles as Princess Aurora and Prince Désiré for a production of *The Sleeping Beauty* Tuesday afternoon. The production runs March 6-10 at the Centennial Concert Hall, and tickets are available by calling 1-800-667-4792 or online at [rwb.org](http://rwb.org).

SHANE GIBSON/METRO



Chocolatier Constance Popp owner Constance Menzies has been busy making carrot-shaped chocolate for Fair Trade Manitoba's first Carrotmob, which will flood her Portage Avenue shop with customers Saturday. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

# Fair trade pays off for business

**Mmmm chocolate.** Fair Trade Manitoba stunt to use carrot instead of the stick



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Helping Fair Trade Manitoba (FTM) bring awareness to the importance of buying fair trade products couldn't be more delicious than taking part in the

province's first Carrotmob this weekend.

On Saturday, Chocolatier Constance Popp on Portage Avenue will be flooded with customers taking part in a Carrotmob — an idea that sees businesses mobbed with paying customers in an effort to influence the owner to make positive changes.

"Basically it's like a 'buy'cott instead of a boycott," says Janice Hamilton, executive director of the Manitoba Council for International Co-operation, who helps run FTM. "We're trying

### Take part

- Join the Carrotmob at Chocolatier Constance Popp at 1853 Portage Ave. from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

to drive business to businesses that are socially responsible and ethical, and in exchange the business will do something to make themselves even more sustainable."

In the case of Chocolatier

Constance Popp, which already uses Manitoba-produced ingredients, compostable packaging and around 40 per cent fair-trade chocolate in its premium artisan chocolates, owner Constance Menzies has agreed to increase the visibility of fair-trade products in her store and switch her in-store hot chocolate drink to 100 per cent fair trade certified to take part in the event.

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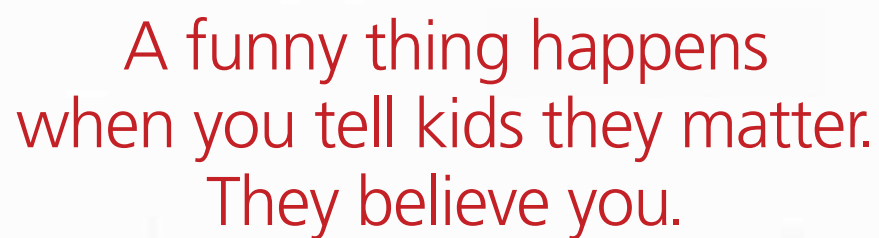
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# VP named interim president following Hugo Chavez's death

**Venezuela.** Foreign minister says Vice-President Nicolas Maduro will take over, with elections to be called within 30 days

Venezuela's foreign minister says Vice-President Nicolas Maduro will serve as interim president in the wake of President Hugo Chavez's death and that elections will be called within 30 days.

Foreign Minister Elias Jaua also told the Telesur network in Venezuela that Maduro would be the candidate of the governing socialist party. It was not immediately clear when elections would actually be held.

The government said Chavez died on Tuesday after a nearly two-year struggle with cancer. Hundreds of anguished Venezuelans poured into the streets of downtown Caracas crying, hugging each other and

shouting slogans in support of Chavez after learning of his death.

Women with tears streaming down their faces clung to each other and wept near the Miraflores presidential palace. Nearby, men with sombre faces pumped their arms in the air while shouting "Long live Chavez! Long live Chavismo!"

People also gathered outside the military hospital where Chavez died. Soldiers in riot gear stood shoulder to shoulder guarding the complex.

Many people left work and rushed home as shops and offices closed early and tension gripped the streets in Caracas, capital of a country deeply divided by the socialist programs pursued by the charismatic Chavez. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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## Canadian reaction

As Chavez, 58, finally succumbed on Tuesday to the cancer he had been fighting for nearly two years, Prime Minister Stephen Harper spoke out about the death.

- Harper offered his "condolences to the people of Venezuela," and said he looked forward "to working with (Chavez's) successor and other leaders in the region to build a hemisphere that is more prosperous, secure and democratic."

- The prime minister in a statement said: "I hope the people of Venezuela can now build for themselves a better, brighter future based on the principles of freedom, democracy, human rights."

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Supporters of Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez react in downtown Caracas, the Venezuelan capital, on Tuesday after the vice-president announced Chavez's death. **FERNANDO LLANO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Family of Oscar Pistorius feuds over father's remarks on guns, crime

A public feud erupted on Tuesday within the family of Oscar Pistorius, the double-amputee Olympian charged with murdering his girlfriend, as the runner and his relatives distanced themselves from comments his father reportedly made about guns and crime in South Africa.

South Africa's ruling party, the African National Con-

gress, also waded into the family dispute. A spokesman for the party accused Henke Pistorius, the runner's father, of racism for his observations reported in British newspapers about crime against white South Africans and the suggestion that the ANC government isn't adequately protecting them.

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Olympic athlete Oscar Pistorius' father, Henke Pistorius, right, watches with his children as his son Oscar walks into court during his bail hearing in February.

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## Baird. Palestinians could face 'consequences' for pursuing Israel at the UN

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird has told a powerful pro-Israel lobby that Palestinians will feel "consequences" from Canada if they pursue the Jewish state at the International Criminal Court.

Baird issued the warning just as the federal government considers whether to end hundreds of millions of

dollars in Canadian humanitarian aid to the Palestinians when the program expires at the end of this month.

Baird delivered his message on Sunday to an approving audience in Washington at the annual conference of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee.

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## Try to enjoy it — spring unlikely to be hot

According to The Weather Network, the average winter conditions experienced across the country will give way to a typical spring in the coming weeks. Director of meteorology Chris Scott said spring temperatures are expected to hover near seasonal norms in most parts of the country. Residents of southern Ontario, Quebec and parts of Atlantic Canada may feel a little more warmth than their counterparts in the west. Stable ocean temperatures in the Pacific also suggest average levels of precipitation for most of the country. Scott said this year's forecast stands in stark contrast to the previous spring, when several of Canada's major cities recorded historic highs. JEFF STOKOE, RED DEER ADVOCATE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Politicians keep up blitz for Keystone XL

**U.S. trips.** Minister of natural resources and Sask. premier make their pitches stateside

Less than a week after the U.S. State Department all but dismissed the climate concerns dogging TransCanada's Keystone XL pipeline, two high-profile Canadian politicians headed stateside Tuesday to push once again for approval.

The pitch from Natural Resources Minister Joe Oliver contained a nugget of news for his audience as he assured them that long-awaited federal regulations on Canada's oil and gas sector were on the horizon.

"Once the federal regulations are in place, Canada will be one of a very few oil producers in the world with national binding regulations on its oil and gas sector," he said in his pitch to the Chicago Council on Global Affairs. The government is aiming to have those federal



Federal Minister of Natural Resources Joe Oliver THE CANADIAN PRESS

regulations ready by mid-year.

The new rules would seek to curb the sector's greenhouse emissions in order for Canada to meet a 2020 target for a 17 per cent overall cut. Rules are already set for the transportation and coal-fired electricity industries but they only take Canada halfway to the goal.

Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall, meanwhile, began a four-day visit to the U.S. capital that

includes meetings with several top officials, including an assistant secretary of state on international environmental affairs and the majority leader of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Wall, too, will urge Americans to approve the pipeline. But he'll also tout his province's green initiatives, in particular its recent \$1.4-billion investment in a clean-coal project in Estevan, Sask. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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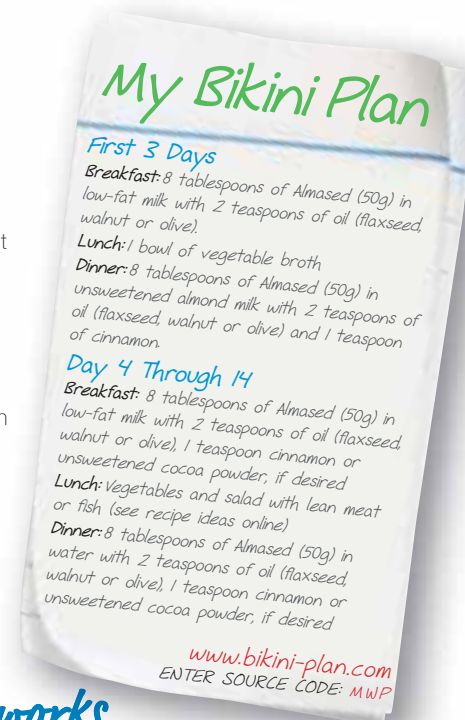
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# Museum returns painting sold in escape from Nazis



This undated handout shows a reproduction provided Tuesday by the Staatsgalerie Stuttgart of the painting The Virgin with Child. The Stuttgart museum has returned the painting to the estate of Jewish art dealer Max Stern, who was forced to sell his collection before fleeing Nazi Germany. STAATSGALERIE/DPA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Art dealer settled in Montreal.** 600-year-old painting turned over by German gallery at ceremony at Canadian Embassy in Berlin

A German museum has returned a 600-year-old painting to the estate of a Jewish art dealer who was forced to flee the Nazis before later becoming a success in the Canadian art world.

Max Stern's family once ran one of the most prominent art galleries in Germany, but was forced to sell it in 1937 and leave the country.

Eventually, Stern settled in Montreal and began the long process of rebuilding the art business begun by his father and seeking the return of the paintings.

The oil painting The Virgin with Child, attributed to

the Master of Flemalle — an unidentified Flemish artist from the early 1400s — was turned over by the Staatsgalerie Stuttgart at a ceremony Tuesday at the Canadian Embassy in Berlin.

The painting was sold by the Stern family in order to obtain an exit permit for Max Stern's mother to leave Germany.

It is one of 10 pieces from their original collection that have now been returned to his estate, overseen by Concordia University in Montreal since Stern's death in 1987.

"With more than 400 paintings yet to be recovered, the most immediate challenge lies in encouraging a number of other museums currently in possession of Stern paintings to follow the lead of the Staatsgalerie," Alan Shepard, president of Concordia University, said in a statement Tuesday.

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## Dow wows

Stock index surges  
past all-time high

The Dow Jones industrial average closed at a record on Tuesday, beating the previous high it set in October 2007, before the financial crisis and the Great Recession. The index rose 126 points, or one per cent, to 14,253, beating its previous record by 89 points. In fact, it is up nearly nine per cent this year, capping a remarkable comeback.

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## Market Minute



**DOLLAR**  
97.28¢ (-0.02¢)



**TSX**  
12,736.04 (+28.63)



**OIL**  
\$90.82 US (+70¢)



**GOLD**  
\$1,574.90 US (+\$2.50)

**Natural gas:** \$3.53 US (no change)  
**Dow Jones:** 14,253.77 (+125.95)

# Target's here, but the price isn't always right

## Doubtful discounts.

Shoppers at three new Ontario stores find the savings don't match what's on offer in U.S.

The long-awaited arrival of U.S. discount giant Target means Canadians can now get their hands on the famed bull's-eye brand's wares without crossing the border — though the savings here might not equal those down south.

The retail chain, which opened its doors on Tuesday in three communities west of Toronto, has said Canadian customers will likely see a difference in pricing compared to items carried in its U.S. stores, with the company focused on being “competitively priced” with retailers in Canada.

A spokeswoman for Target Canada couldn't say exactly how that will play out on shelves in the newly launched Ontario stores in Guelph, Fergus and



Employees welcome the first shoppers who lined up for the new Target store in Guelph, Ont. on Tuesday. The company is expected to open between 125 and 135 locations in Canada. DAVE CHIDLEY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Milton or the dozens more locations the company expects to open across the country.

Pricing depends on a number of factors and it's difficult to give case-by-case examples or even narrow it down to categories of products more likely to warrant higher prices, Lisa Gibson said on Tuesday.

“In certain cases, the prices will actually be completely on par with U.S. prices and in some cases there might be some dif-

ferences, but ... our overall goal is to make sure we're competitive with the marketplace,” she said, adding the company is also bringing in a five per cent reward program from the U.S.

At the Guelph store, a 2.95-litre bottle of Tide laundry detergent was priced at \$15.99 Tuesday, compared with \$11.99 US on Target's American website. The same product was listed for \$15.99 on the Canadian Tire site. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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## Debit-card fraud drops

Interac Association says Interac debit-card fraud losses as a result of skimming are at their lowest level on record since 2003 — falling to \$38.5 million in 2012 from a high of \$142 million in 2009. Caroline Hubberstey, the head of external communications for Interac Association, says the ongoing conversion to chip technology is a vital tactic in fraud prevention. Unlike a magnetic stripe, she says, chip technology is extremely difficult to copy and reproduce. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



# DO PRICEY JEANS COME WITH DEEP POCKETS?

During a recent trip to Montreal, I found myself engaged in a fascinating discussion with a 30-year-old metrosexual male who was passionately extolling the virtues of the \$450 pair of jeans he wore.

Now, I'm not one to dismiss the importance of personal style and presentation, but if I were Forrest Gump, I'd say, "I've worn lots o' jeans." While I can easily recognize an obvious difference in quality, I saw nothing that great in this particular pair.

I admitted to having owned a few pair of jeans for which I paid too much, even on sale. But I have never found them to improve as much with time as I've been told a good pair should.

Furthermore, \$450 is not the most shocking price tag around.

It seems that even Ye Olde Levi's Shoppe now produces a hand-sewn, heavy-denim product that retails for \$500.

Apparently, these magical pants will create the illusion that



JUST SAYIN'

**Mike Benhaim**

Guest columnist

even the oddest-shaped individual is actually fit.

Keeping an open mind, I began to pay attention to brand-name jeans, such as Diesel and 7 For All Mankind, that ranged between \$350 and \$900. Yeah, you heard me! And that's nothing.

APO Jeans will sell you a custom product with pockets lined in pure silk, a perfectly polished silver zipper and a real diamond button for \$4,000!

Why do I get the feeling there's a Kardashian behind this somewhere?

People of Earth, I beg you: for the sake of the children, "Stop the madness!"

They're jeans!

Jeans were meant to be comfortable and casual. The coolest ones are faded and frayed at the edges. They've been worn out in all the right places and can be passed on to someone else when your ass grows out of them.

Sure, you should expect to pay more now

than you did in the '80s, but please.

There are plenty of good quality, excellent-fitting jeans avail-

able for under \$100, and if you think they make you look fat then — you're fat! Work on that instead of putting all the pressure on your clothing.

Now, I can always forgive the feminine whimsy (within reason) if the result is extraordinary, but men: I speak on behalf of guys more and less macho than myself when I say to find a pair of jeans that feel good and spend \$20 getting them altered to your liking. That's it.

If your girlfriend wants to play dress-up with you, as some women will do, and buys you a pair of the ol' rhinestone cowgirls, return them for a cheaper pair and buy her a very nice dinner with the change. If you don't, you'll be scheduled the next day for a mani-pedi and full-body manscaping that sounds much nicer than it feels.

Now, I can hardly wait for all the stylish club-goers I've offended to tweet the cheap out of me, but I ask that the rest of you find this online and tell me where you buy YOUR jeans and how much you pay for them.

Just sayin'.



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## ZOOM

### Sally the camel had 1 maple leaf



MARTIN LIPMAN/CANADIAN MUSEUM OF NATURE/HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

#### Fossils offer climate clues

Dr. Natalia Rybczynski examines the fossil bones of the High Arctic camel laid out in a lab at the Canadian Museum of Nature.

The fossil evidence consists of about 30 bone fragments, which together form part of a limb bone of a camel. Found on Ellesmere Island, Nunavut, this is the northernmost discovery of camels in the Arctic, about 1,200

kilometres further north than the Yukon camel. The camel lived about three-and-a-half million years ago, when the region supported a boreal-type forest.

Back when this camel was browsing leaves and shoots, the entire global climate averaged about two or three degrees warmer than it is now.

That's about as much a difference as scientists say the Earth can undergo today without catastrophic changes. THE CANADIAN PRESS



An illustration of the High Arctic camel on Ellesmere Island during the Pliocene warm period, about three-and-a-half million years ago. HANDOUT

## Clickbait

### What was the worst hashtag fail so far? We'll let you be the judge.

#### #susanalumparty

In November 2012, the PR team behind Britain's Susan Boyle was relentlessly mocked for their use of the 'susanalumparty' hashtag.

#### #RIMjobs

In what will likely stand as the greatest Canadian hashtag fail, the company formerly known as Research in Motion chose to court prospective employees via the 'RIMjobs' hashtag.

#### #McDstories

Last year, McDonald's asked its customers to share memories of dining at the fast-food joint via a 'McDstories' hashtag. Sooner than you could say 'happy meal,' the tag was flooded with accounts of finding finger-

nails in Big Macs and other sordid stories.

#### #Rogers1Number

In another Canadian example, Rogers paid Twitter to keep the 'Rogers1Number' tag atop the site's list of trending topics last March. Of course, the hashtag allowed customers to publicize their complaints about poor service and perceived price-gouging.

#### #Hobbitch

Earlier this year, a Swiss company used the 'Hobbitch' hashtag to promote the latest installment in the Lord of the Rings movie franchise. It's a case of lost in translation, as .ch is the official domain name for Switzerland.

## Letters

### Re: Horsemeat big business in Alberta, published March 4.

The article indicates that only horses at their end of life are slaughtered.

This is not true! MANY YOUNG HEALTHY horses are slaughtered because the owners either don't know the possible outcome of taking their horse to an auction, or don't care.

There are also some irresponsible (using nice language here) horse breeders who purposely 'over breed'. They keep what they consider the cream of the crop and send the rest to auction.

Pat Rollock, Calgary

What is wrong with the world today? Can we not draw a line on which animals we will 'slaughter' and consume?

I am confused by the poll and growing acceptance of Canadians to consume horsemeat. Would you stand by and allow your cats and dogs to be slaughtered and then be eaten?

Ruth S., Whitby, Ont.

I was shocked by the article on horse meat. The reporter did not do enough research, the facts are that bute has been found in horsemeat often and it causes cancer in humans.

Cindy Cardy, London, Ont.

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# SCENE 2

## A century of Oz-inspired entertainment



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When New Girl star Zooey Deschanel was two years old she watched *The Wizard of Oz* every day. "I had a hard time understanding that I couldn't go into the film," she said, "because it felt so real to me."

She's not alone. It is one of the most watched and universally adored Hollywood films ever.

This weekend Disney hopes to add to the legacy of the original film with *Oz the Great and Powerful*, a Sam Raimi directed prequel starring James Franco and Mila Kunis. Ever wondered why the wicked witch was so wicked? Or how the wizard became the wizard? With a click of its ruby slippers this movie fills in the blanks. It's not the first movie to try and woo an audience based on *Oz* and its citizens.

1910's *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* was the first Baum book to hit the screen. Almost seven decades later, two very different musicals were inspired by the *Oz* folks.

20th Century *Oz* is a 1976 Australian rock musical that reimagines the classic story set in 1970s Australia. Two years later director Sidney Lumet adapted the Broadway hit *The Wiz* for the screen, casting Motown superstars Diana Ross as Dorothy and Michael Jackson as The Scarecrow. Although it was, at the time, the most expensive film musical ever made, it wasn't a hit in theatres.



This film image released by Disney Enterprises shows James Franco as Oz, left, and the character Finley, voiced by Zach Braff, in a scene from *Oz the Great and Powerful*. DISNEY ENTERPRISES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Oz prequel brings Braff back to a 'magical place'

**Oz the Great and Powerful.** Director Sam Raimi 'at his finest' says the former *Scrubs* star

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Years ago I asked one of the original *Wizard of Oz* munchkins to explain the movie's enduring appeal.

"Everybody can enjoy it," said Karl Slover who was just two feet tall when he played the first trumpeter. "There's no filthy language in it. I don't see no bikinis! No nudist colonies! Kids can watch it and parents don't have to worry because there's nothing bad in

there."

I recently asked Zach Braff the same question in an interview to promote *Oz the Great and Powerful*, a prequel to the most beloved movie of all time.

"It reminds us of our childhood," says the former *Scrubs* star, "and it reminds us of this magical place where crazy things happen. It is innocent and it is pure and it is amazing that it holds up. It was made in 1939, most kids don't see other movies made in 1939."

The new flick, co-starring James Franco, Mila Kunis, Rachel Weisz and Michelle Williams, is a state-of-the-art film, but it's something that has been gestating for some time.

"I heard that Walt Disney always wanted to make an *Oz*

movie," he says. "There's 13 books, so why not go back to that world and tell it from a 2013 perspective."

The new film echoes the original, starting with black and white scenes shot in Kansas before moving to the eye-popping fantasy world of *Oz*. The movie's modern twist is the addition of high tech tricks to make your eyes and ears dance. Braff calls the film's visual and audio tweaks — increasing the depth of the 3D and adding in surround sound for the *Oz* scenes, for example — "Sam Raimi at his finest."

Raimi, the director behind the *Evil*

Dead movies and a little franchise called *Spider-Man*, was the big reason Braff signed on to the project.

"I heard Sam wanted to meet me in his office. That's a good call to get."

Braff, who made his directorial debut on the 2004 indie film *Garden State*, calls Raimi a "wonderful mentor who let me watch this whole process." Even on his days off the actor would go to the set to learn about big budget filmmaking from watching the old pro work on *Oz*'s enormous sets.

"Sam's the biggest mensch on earth. The guy's a saint. He's too good to be true."



# Billy Corgan: a professional wrestler?

Billy Corgan might be best known as the frontman for The Smashing Pumpkins. But recently, he's been dabbling in his other passion, professional wrestling.

Fans got a little peek into Corgan's wrestling endeavours through an ad for Chicago furniture store Walter E. Smithe called Billy Corgan's Musical Chairs. The commercial also features some of the wrestlers from Resistance Pro, a professional wrestling promotion company that Corgan started, as well as the singer himself.

Tim Smithe, the chief marketing officer for Walter E. Smithe, came up with the idea for the ad with his brothers. He was confident he could get Corgan to sign on, even though he realized getting the Smashing Pumpkins star was a "long shot."

"I know a 'second cousin' of Billy, and tried that angle a few years ago, and it went nowhere," he admitted to Metro World News.

It wasn't until Smithe and Corgan met on *Mancow*, a talk show in Chicago, that he was



able to make his pitch in person.

"There was good, simple chemistry right away, and one thing lead to another during the commercial break," Smithe

said.

"And then a few days later, someone from his staff called and said Billy is ready to 'let the wrestling begin.' My brothers and I were thrilled."

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Watch The Smashing Pumpkins frontman try his talents in the ring, online at metronews.ca



Smithe said that Corgan was "chill, intelligent and confident" during the shoot.

"On the set he was down to earth, light-hearted, and loves his wrestling team from the bottom of his heart," Smithe said.





Justin Bieber

## Bieber gets booed in London

Justin Bieber's troublesome stay in London continued this week when he got a late start at his first show at the O2 Arena, courting boos from an angry, impatient audience, according to the BBC. "I never have any intent to upset or let anyone down, and I'm not OK with things being exagger-

ated," Bieber tweeted after the show. "Last night I was scheduled after three opening acts to go on stage at 9:35, not 8:30, but because of some technical issues I got on at 10:10, so I was 40 minutes late to [the] stage. There is no excuse for that and I apologize for anyone we upset," he tweeted.



Hilaria Baldwin

## Hilaria Baldwin won't be going for Massimo

Alec Baldwin's new wife, Hilaria Baldwin, is over the moon about being pregnant with the couple's first child, but she's learning already that there are some areas where she and her famous husband don't see eye to eye — like when

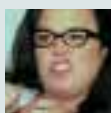
it comes to potential baby names. "(Alec) had the idea for Massimo the other day," Hilaria tells Rachael Ray during a visit to her television show. "That's a very big name for a little baby." She'd rather wait until the tyke arrives before settling on something.

### Twitter



@SarahSilverman

BACKFIRE: This AdvilPM is giving me the dancing bug



@Rosie

On my way to film SMASH — love that show so much ... I am playing me — luckily I have done a lot of research ;)



@MARLONLWAYANS

Balling hard in my solitude of peace ... Whatever that means

# METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES



Taylor Swift ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

## Swift: Back up those rumours, people

Taylor Swift has some news for everyone keeping track of her love life. "If you want some big revelation, since 2010 I have dated exactly two people," she tells Vanity Fair, referring to high schooler Conor

Kennedy and One Direction member Harry Styles. "The fact that there are slide shows of a dozen guys that I either hugged on a red carpet or met for lunch or wrote a song with, it's just kind of ridiculous."

## Winslet on path of discovery

Kate Winslet says the period between her marriage to Sam Mendes — which ended in 2010 — and her December wedding with Ned Rocknroll has been a great period of self-discovery. "I've really learned a great deal about myself, in the last four years in particular," she tells Harper's Bazaar UK. "I think I can see more clearly now — about how the pattern of past experiences has shaped who I am, and the characters I have played — and I'm grateful for that. It gave so much more material to draw on for work — rubble, bricks — and I know I can carry it now."

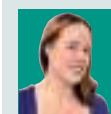


Kate Winslet

### The Word



## What's going on with Kim's mat wardrobe?



THE WORD

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As a woman who has grown a baby in her uterus, I know how hard it is to find good maternity clothing. So I can relate to Kim Kardashian's problem of finding a flattering pregnancy wardrobe. But I'm not sure why she's continuing to dress like she

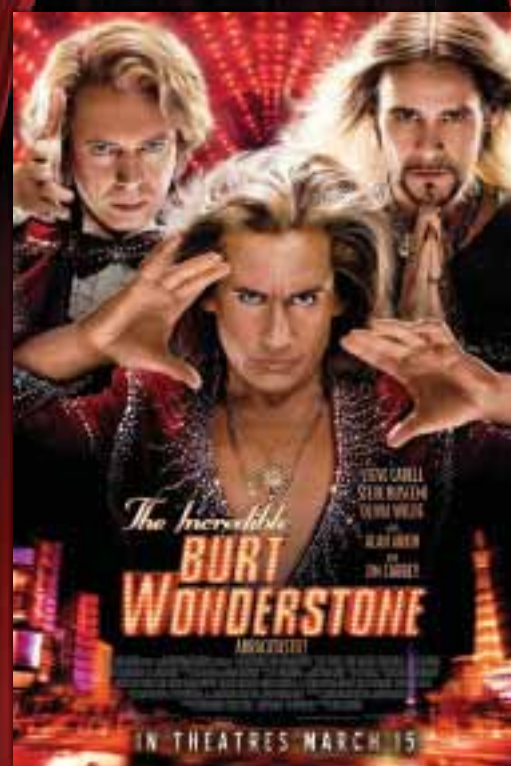
isn't pregnant.

I'm guessing her fashion-plate boyfriend, Kanye West, has something to do with it.

Case in point: as soon as Kardashian started to show, she decided to don this mesh-leather-feather-pants ensemble that made her resemble a motorcycle-riding ostrich. Then she wore this ill-fitting white ensemble on Saturday, which is made for a much taller, much less knocked-up person.

I'm not saying you can't look nice while pregnant. I'm just saying you should probably leave the high fashion at home.

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If you are Cuba-bound this March Break, a day trip to Havana is a must. For a true taste of this time-warped capital, be sure to visit these must-see spots.



**ON THE MOVE**  
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### Take a vintage car ride

The country is home to approximately 60,000 classic American automobiles that industrious Cubans have kept running since the 1959 revolution. Although a very walkable city, an hour long tour is a great way to get oriented. Ask the driver to cruise along the Malecon, an eight kilometre boulevard stretching alongside the Atlantic Ocean. Either arrange in advance through Gran Car or find a driver in Parque Central.

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## Hot spots in Havana

### Hang out in Parque Central

The buzz created by masses of Cubans and tourists passing through the park is infectious. The building housing the Cuban National Ballet is stunning. And no visit is complete without a photo in front of the Capitolio Nacional. It was completed in 1929 as a tribute to its sister building in Washington, D.C.



### Soak up the atmosphere of a retro hotel

Built on a hill above the Malecon, the grand Hotel Nacional's 1930s tiled lobby and colonnaded veranda looking out to the sea is right out of a movie. The heart of Old Havana is sprinkled with smaller hotels, like Hotel Raquel, which have painstakingly restored their interior courtyards into an oasis of luxury. All are worth a peek.



### Get a glimpse of glory at Plaza Vieja

Check out the Plaza Vieja. It has been undergoing a decade-long restoration and gives a glimpse of what Havana could look like if returned to its former glory. Make sure you also wander the narrow, congested, delightfully intriguing, cobbled surrounding streets of the old city. The UNESCO World Heritage site contains almost 1,000 buildings of historic importance.

### Try a mojito, a la Hemingway

El Floridita and La Bodeguita del Medio are the two most famous ones, largely due to their affiliation with author Ernest Hemingway. Word is he preferred the daiquiris at the former and mojitos at the latter. I tried both and agree. In addition to pouring over the throwback decor, the frequent appearance of live bands gives an opportunity for a taste of the vibrant Cuban music.





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## Many a meet-and-greet. Tackling the tech job interview takes time



Practise that pitch. Attend interview workshops, speak to a career advisor or participate in a mock interview. ISTOCK

You got an interview. Congratulations!

It's likely you searched for jobs on websites, leveraged your network and wowed a recruiter with your resumé and cover letter. But you're not done selling yourself just yet.

University of Waterloo career advisor Tanya Gillert says tech graduates can expect to be screened by an in-house recruiter or a member of the company's HR department before one or two technical phone screens and up to four on-site interviews with the employer.

"In an interview, recruiters are determining if they like you, if you know your stuff and if you are passionate about your field and specialty," she says. "Employers want to know if an applicant is adaptable, flexible and productive."

Here's a list of Gillert's top tips on how to ace the technology job interview and get the job.

### Know the employer

Research the company's structure, history and mission. Learn about what the company sells, the clients they target and how they compete in their industry. Find out what motivates management and employees.

How can you tell an interviewer that you'll fit in seamlessly with the company's culture if you know nothing about them?

### Do your research

**How can you tell an interviewer that you'll fit in seamlessly with the company's culture if you know nothing about them?**

Tanya Gillert  
Career advisor

### Know the position

Employers will list the skills, knowledge and qualifications they expect someone they hire to possess. Read the job listing and show them that you meet their requirements, Gillert says.

You can expect technical questions to be tailored to the role. Be prepared to write code, talk about code and find any errors in code quickly.

### Know yourself

Know your strengths and weaknesses. Practise coding and solving problems in front of people. Be prepared to answer the types of questions Gillert says technology students can expect to be asked, including:

- coding and common algorithms
- design and redesign
- puzzles and brain teasers
- number theory

Practice how to solve these types of problems and if you don't know something, learn it.

CHRISTINA PELLEGRINI  
FOR TALENTTEGG.CA

# Looking for a job? Lose the white socks

## Suit yourself!

Formal interview attire is preferred by one-third of CIOs

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When it comes to information technology interviews, interviewees can never be too formal.

Students and recent grads looking to become IT professionals may want to trade in their casual interview attire for something more suitable: a suit. The statistics don't lie; in a recent Robert Half Technology survey, 33 per cent of CIOs said a suit was the most appropriate attire for someone interviewing for an IT job. Additionally, 29 per cent favoured tailored separates, while another 29 per cent prefer khakis and collared shirts.

It takes only a few seconds to form a first impression, and for a short interview, those seconds may make or break your chances of being hired.

Here are a few technology job interview attire guidelines:

### Be comfortable

You want to be as confident and comfy as possible! If you are physically uncomfortable, this will show in your behaviour during the interview. Women, this means saving those stilettos for the club, not the office.

### Don't overlook the small things

Make sure your shoes match



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### Mama knows...

**Ensure you are wrinkle and stain-free, well groomed and clean.**  
**If you are unsure, ask a professional ... or your mom.**

Olivia Hoskin

your belt (or purse), and never, ever wear white socks! Ensure you are wrinkle and stain-free, well groomed and clean. If you are unsure, ask a professional ... or your mom.

### Everything in moderation

Choose one "thing" that interviewers can remember you by, like a bow in your hair or a uniquely-coloured dress shirt, but ultimately, the interview is

about your qualities and skills, not your fashion sense. Remember to avoid overwhelming perfumes/colognes, excessive or inappropriately-coloured makeup and distracting jewelry.

### Shut it off!

This is an obvious step that if forgotten, is often an immediate deal-breaker. Skip the silent setting and turn your phone off when you have interviews. Be present and distraction free.

### Webcam interviews are still interviews

To ensure that you are distraction-free for webcam interviews, book a study room at school for an hour or two. This ensures a quiet and distraction-free zone. If you do not have access to a private room, just be sure to dress professionally from head to toe.

### Dressing on a dime

As a student or recent grad, how does one go about purchasing such expensive interview accessories?

- Personally, as a student, I am on a tight budget when it comes to pretty much everything. Due to this I have had to search far and wide to find interview clothing at reasonable prices. Some popular methods include outlet stores, coupons and customer reward programs, shopping during the off-season and hitting up thrift stores.
- Of these suggestions, my favourites are shopping the off-season and thrifting. End of season sales are excellent for discovering cheap but new items that you can either save for the next year or wear immediately. Interviews in March are perfect because you can buy end-of-winter items and use them for a month before it gets too warm.
- If you want even cheaper clothing you can visit liquidation sales or thrift stores. Some of my favourites include the Salvation Army, Talize and Value Village.

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A U of T grad talks about hard skills, learning outside of the classroom and the importance of failure

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For those aspiring to work in the technology industry, working in Silicon Valley is a dream.

Brad Menezes, who graduated from the University of Toronto's mechanical engineering program in 2012, was once one such aspirant.

### If I had known then...

The three things Brad Menezes always wished someone had told him when he was in school:

- Develop hard skills, there is no substitute. Again that's engineering, design, product. This goes far beyond what you're learning in school. Start building things yourself and start hanging out with people who are better than you in these aspects.
- Get some experience in the Valley as early as possible. Facebook, Google, Twitter, Zynga, LinkedIn, Pinterest, Evernote, Netflix, Dropbox, Airbnb, Square, Yelp and so many others are unbelievable places to be right now. Each have some of the smartest people you can ever work with and nothing beats that when you're early in your career.



Today, he's working for the uber-popular website, Yelp. How did he manage it?

### What's your role at Yelp and how did you get there?

I'm a product manager. I got to Yelp in the most round-about way possible. Got an intro to the recruiter. Two phone interviews. One design test. Five in-person interviews, including one with the CEO.

All interviews went well, but I still got rejected.

They said they'd never hired a new graduate as a product manager and it was risky.

I convinced them to place a bet on me and let me intern instead. While interning, they promoted me to a full-time position.

So in short, it took a little perseverance and a lot of luck.

### What have your top three life experiences been, and how

### can you relate those experiences to your career?

I'll give you one experience that repeated in many forms throughout the past years: failure.

I brought on a team for Nspire — a non-profit organization dedicated to fostering the next generation of leaders in business and technology — and a bunch of people quit. I went to a bunch of interviews to become a PM, got rejected from all of them. I had a startup, it tanked.

This is very important because after a while you can look back and realize that the missteps or mistakes were all necessary to move forward. Whenever you try to push your limits really hard, this will happen. But I figure it's better to push your limits than to remain within your comfort zone.

Looking back, one could say that it was a very clear path that

I took to get to where I am today at Yelp, but going through it, I really had no idea where I would end up.

### What skills and experiences would you recommend for students to develop while in school?

If you want to succeed in the tech industry, make sure the majority of your time is spent learning hard skills, primarily engineering, design, and/or product. The best way to do this is to build something yourself or with friends. Soft skills are very important in certain roles (project management being one of them), but there is still no substitute for good hard skills.

Design, engineering and product skills will give you extremely high leverage as finding people who really excel at this is not common. If you can really hone your skills in one or more of these areas, you can be damn successful in tech.

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#QuestionoftheDay: What helps you perk up when school (or life!) starts to feel overwhelming?

@voiceofjamesd

I go for a run. The best way to analyse & process the day's events, bust stress & gain a sense of achievement!

@RaoulChopra

I make it my goal to go to the gym every day or at least a run around my block. Helps relieve stress and refreshes my thinking.

@lilian\_g2511

a really funny episode of modern family

@hornjohnhorn

listening to funny podcasts, playing sports, and, most importantly, surrounding myself with interesting and nice people.

@daniellelorenz

I find some puppies and give them pats!

@Mkomma

Working out, reading a new book, knitting (yes, knitting), or just talking to people about life and having a few laughs.

@SabaSabati

Essential: Get up and get out and do something different, something that makes YOU happy!



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# Bite into the low-fat side of a Philly Cheese Steak



This recipe serves eight. BRIAN MACDONALD, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)



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A Philly Cheese Steak sandwich is high in calories, fat and sodium. But if you use a top sirloin, which is lean, you'll be shocked how delicious it is at just 170 calories per serving and 8.2 grams of fat.

1. Preheat the oven to 425 F. Line a baking sheet with foil.

2. Spray non-stick skillet with cooking oil, add vegetable oil and place over medium heat. Add onions and sauté 8 mins. Add garlic, sugar, salt, pepper and bell pepper. Sauté 5 minutes. Set aside and keep warm.

3. Spray skillet with cooking oil and place over high heat. Cook steak until done to your preference, approx. 5 mins. Cool 5 mins. before cutting into

## Ingredients

- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 2 cups sliced onions
- 2 tsp crushed fresh garlic
- 2 tsp brown sugar
- 1/4 tsp salt and pepper
- 1 cup each sliced red and green bell pepper
- 8 oz grilling steak
- 2 tbsp low-fat mayo
- 3 tbsp low-fat sour cream
- 2 tsp horseradish
- 4 small wholegrain rolls (6-inch), split
- 3/4 cup grated provolone

thin slices. Add to the veg mix.

4. Combine mayo, sour cream and horseradish. Spread over both sides of rolls. Divide filling among 4 rolls, sprinkle with cheese and replace top half of bun. Place on prepared baking sheet; bake 5 mins. Slice in half.

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## Cook live with Vikram Vij

Vikram Vij, an award-winning chef in Vancouver, and Metro want to help you find time for family meals. Our mission starts in the form of Canada's first live online cooking show to air Thursday at 6 p.m. ET at [metronews.ca/vijcooklive](http://metronews.ca/vijcooklive)

• **Get ready.** Visit the website to download a copy of the recipe and a complete shopping list before the broadcast. Vij's simple Indian meal is family friendly and he will show you step by step how to prepare it.

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## Anchovies graduate to sandwich duties

1. Heat the oven to broil. Set a wire rack over a rimmed baking sheet. Coat the rack with cooking spray.

2. In a large bowl, whisk together the olive oil and vinegar. Add the arugula, then use your hands to toss well, ensuring all of the arugula is coated with the dressing. Season with salt and pepper, then set aside.

3. In bowl mix ricotta, thyme and lemon juice. Set aside.

4. Slice each tomato into 6 thin slices. Arrange the slices on the prepared wire rack, then season them with salt and pepper. Set them on the oven's centre rack and broil until lightly browned, about 4 to 6 minutes.

5. Meanwhile, cut the ba-

quette into two 6-inch lengths, then slice each one in half lengthwise. Place in the oven, cut side up, and toast for just a minute or two, just long enough to warm and lightly brown.

6. When bread and tomatoes are done, top each piece of baguette with a quarter of the ricotta, then arrange 3 tomato slices over each. Top each with a quarter of arugula and 3 anchovies. Eat immediately.

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## Ingredients

- 1 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 2 cups arugula
- Kosher salt and ground black pepper
- 1 cup ricotta cheese
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh thyme
- Juice of 1/2 lemon
- 2 large slicing tomatoes
- 12-inch baguette
- 12 oil-packed anchovies



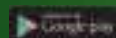
This recipe serves two. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Sports in pictures



# 1 Soccer.

## Ronaldo helps Madrid advance

Cristiano Ronaldo made a devastating impact in his return to Manchester, scoring in the 69th minute to send Real Madrid into the Champions League quarter-finals with a 2-1 victory.

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# 2 PGA. 'It was not the right thing to do'

Rory McIlroy says he should have finished his second round at the Honda Classic, telling Sports Illustrated magazine that it was not right to walk out after eight holes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# 3 Curling.

## Martin falls again at Brier

Kevin Martin, one of the three pre-tournament favourites at the Tim Hortons Brier in his hometown of Edmonton, fell to 1-4 on Tuesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Ailing Panthers bring down Jets

**NHL.** Goalie Markstrom stops 21 shots as Florida wins for just the fourth time at home this season

On Tuesday

4

Panthers

1

Jets

Tomas Kopecky, Shawn Matthias and Mike Santorelli scored for Florida and Jonathan Huberdeau converted a penalty shot in the Panthers' 4-1 victory over the Winnipeg Jets on Tuesday night.

Jacob Markstrom stopped 21 shots for his first win of the season for Florida, which won at home for just the fourth time this season. The Panthers have been plagued by injuries this season — including Stephen Weiss' season-ending wrist injury.

Kyle Wellwood scored for Winnipeg and Ondrej Pavelec finished with 22 saves while falling to 8-11-1 this season.

After Wellwood tied the score early in the second period, Matthias put the Panthers ahead for good midway through the period with his fifth game-winning goal of the season.

Kopecky put the Panthers



Florida Panther Mike Santorelli sidesteps Winnipeg Jets goalie Ondrej Pavelec to score a goal in Sunrise, Fla., on Tuesday. The Panthers won 4-1. J PAT CARTER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ahead 1-0 with a wrist shot from the right faceoff dot at 5:07 of the first period. It was Kopecky's ninth goal of the season and seventh in the last 10 games.

Wellwood scored his first goal at 1:42 of the second to tie the score.

Matthias put the Panthers

ahead again at 9:55 of the second as he sent a one-handed backhand shot over Pavelec's shoulder. Colby Robak had an assist on the play for his first career point.

Huberdeau got his 11th goal of the season 5:10 into the third, becoming the first Panthers player to score on

two penalty shot goals in a season. The last rookie to score on two penalty shot goals in a season was Columbus's David Vyborny in 2000-01.

Santorelli capped the scoring with 3:43 left, getting his first goal since he scored twice against Toronto on Feb. 28, 2012. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# CFL. Bombers to kick off 2013 season in new digs

Winnipeg general manager Joe Mack won't have to worry about the Blue Bombers opening the 2013 CFL season as road warriors.

Winnipeg kicks off the campaign hosting the Montreal Alouettes on June 27 at brand new Investors Group Field. Last year, Winnipeg had to play its first four games on the road while the stadium was being completed.

However, construction and weather delayed the opening until this year. That meant Winnipeg had to play its 2012

home games at Canad Inns Stadium.

The Bombers began last season 0-4 and never recovered, finishing last in the East Division with a league-worst 6-12 record.

This year, Winnipeg will play three of its first five regular-season games at home.

"It's good to start at home," Mack said Tuesday. "That (opening 2012 on road) was really tough on our team and coaches and in that light I think it's going to be a much better situation for us. THE CANADIAN PRESS



A flag waves after the Winnipeg Blue Bombers' final game at Canad Inns Stadium on Nov. 3, 2012. The Blue Bombers will kick off the 2013 season at brand new Investors Group Field on June 27. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

4 SPORTS

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## Design

Volkswagen's designers have done as great a job fashioning the Beetle Convertible as they did with the hatchback and have even succeeded in creating a less miniscule trunk. Just make sure you pack only the essentials. To be fair, the split-folding rear seat lets you extend the stowage area when two or three passengers are aboard.

## 2013 VW Beetle Convertible

- **Type.** Two-door, front-wheel-drive convertible
- **Engine (hp):** 2.5-litre DOHC I5 (170)
- **Transmissions.** Six-speed automatic
- **Base price (incl. destination).** \$30,300



The five-cylinder does a decent job at around-town speeds, but the power tends to fall off at highway velocities.

## Engine

Only a single powertrain is being offered in Beetle Convertibles sold in Canada: A 170-horsepower 2.5-litre five-cylinder. Our fortunate American cousins will also be able to select a turbo-charged 200-horsepower 2.0-litre four-cylinder, or a 140-horsepower 2.0-litre turbo-diesel.

## Roof

The soft top is triple lined on the outside and has three layers of insulation on the inside to minimize noise. Two electric motors raise and lower the top in 9.5 and 11 seconds, respectively, at vehicle speeds up to 50 km/h. The top no longer extends beyond the rear deck when folded, which makes for a much tidier appearance.

## Review. Volkswagen's drop-top has arrived in all its attention grabbing glory

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wheelbasemedia.com

When Volkswagen introduced the Beetle hatchback for the 2012 model year, you had to suspect the convertible edition was hard on its heels.

Convertible Beetles have been around since 1949, when the first rear-engine, air-cooled Type 15 was launched. VW sold more than 330,000 of them worldwide over the next 32 years, then cranked out another 235,000 New Beetle Convertibles from 2003 until the 2010 model year when it was put out to pasture.

The third-generation Beetle (the "New" is gone) Convertible that goes on sale in mid-February maintains the tradition, but in a less-retro way.

Visually, the body is slightly lower, but is now a substantial 8.5 centimetres wider and about 15 centimetres longer than the old New Beetle. That means significantly more leg and elbowroom, for both front- and rear-seat passengers. Front headroom is nearly as generous as before despite the lower profile, while rear-seat headroom actually increases slightly.

The Beetle Convertible benefits from a more rigid body architecture with 20 per cent more resistance to bending and twisting. This is helpful since convertibles don't have a roof structure to join the back and the front of the car together. The only real support is in the floor.

Base Beetle Convertibles fall under the Comfortline trim name and include most power and climate accouterments plus a set of roll bars behind the back seat that immediately pop up should a tip-over be detected. Heated front seats and leatherette seat covers are included, but beware of burning



The convertible's interior is similar to the coupe's, which is to say stylish and inviting. You no longer face acres of dashboard surface as in the previous model, since the front seats are no longer positioned near the middle of the car.

skin on hot summer days.

The High-line adds a genuine leather interior, sport bucket seats, push button start, 17-inch wheels (16s are standard) and fancier interior/exterior trim.

High-line models can also be enhanced with a 400-watt nine-speaker Fender audio system and touch-screen

navigation.

In content and usable space, the Beetle Convertible represents a giant leap forward. It's no longer a cutesy toy car, but should now resonate with performance-minded buyers who would prefer the option of bringing a few friends along to savour the open-air experience.

## By comparison



**1** BMW 1-series convertible  
Base price: \$43,400



**2** Fiat 500C  
Base price: \$21,600



**3** Mini Cooper convertible  
Base price: \$31,000

5 DRIVE



# The Chevrolet SS: It's about time

**Auto Pilot.** It's been 17 long years since Chevy released a model like this



**AUTO PILOT**  
Mike Goetz  
drive@metronews.ca

At last weekend's big NASCAR race in Daytona, Chevrolet officially unveiled its newest sedan, the 2013 Chevrolet SS.

When it arrives in dealerships at the end of the year, it will be the first time in 17 years that Chevrolet will offer a rear-drive V8-powered sedan in North America.

Hallelujah

I guess I have a soft spot for Chevrolet rear-drive V8 sedans, because they were what my father drove during the 1970s, when I was a very impressionable and car-needy teenager. He taught me to drive in his 1971 Chev-



The 2014 Chevrolet SS, and its NASCAR Sprint Cup equivalent, both made their official debuts at last weekend's Daytona 500. SUBMITTED

rolet Impala.

Good on Chevrolet for realizing that the brand needs to have at least one of these beasts in its catalogue. People yearn for them, it's part of Chevrolet's heritage, and it corrects that strained NASCAR visual universe,

where Chevrolet-based NASCAR teams have been covering their ferocious rear-drive V8 racecars with body shells based on Impala stylings. The Impala has been a neutered, front-drive V6 sedan since 2000.

No coincidence that the

NASCAR Chevrolet SS race car also debuted at the Daytona race. And right on script, five-time series champion Jimmie Johnson, in the No. 48 Lowe's Chevrolet SS, took home the checkered flag.

The Chevrolet SS also upholds the "SS" designa-

tion with pride and purpose. (The brand has traditionally reserved those letters to designate high-performance Chevys.) The new SS will be motivated by essentially the same, newly-engineered 6.2-litre small-block V8 used in the 2013 Corvette — good

## From Oz

- The SS uses a derivative of the rear-drive platform under Camaro, a platform initially developed by Holden, GM's subsidiary in Australia.
- Holden will build the SS in Australia, and ship them to us here in North America. But don't expect a lot of them to be built.

for 415-hp and 415 lb-ft of torque. The only transmission is a six-speed automatic with manual shifters mounted on the steering wheel.

Rear-drive V8 sedans were once ubiquitous. Now they are premium pieces, which is the way they should be I guess. Not too many of us need that much engine. But as we've seen time and time again, when it comes to automobile love, or any kind of love for that matter, need has nothing to do with it.

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## Horoscopes

### ♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

There is no point complaining if you are forced to do something against your will today because it won't make any difference. Anyway, why would you complain when it will work in your favour?

### ♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

You may be practical and methodical by nature but don't immerse yourself in details too deeply today or you may lose sight of the wider picture — a picture that looks brighter by the moment.

### ♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

If you have ambitions to be someone important then this is clearly a make or break time. It won't just happen as if by magic, of course, but it will happen if you are determined to make it happen. Get busy.

### ♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

A friend is opposing you only because they genuinely believe they are acting in your best interests. Inform them that you are the one who decides what your interests are, though be polite about it.

### ♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Cut back on your workload over the next few days, even if it means you earn less than before. Don't worry that you won't be able to make ends meet. You should know by now that fate usually provides.

### ♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

If there is a project that needs completing, now is the time to make that extra effort. If there is a relationship that needs rescuing, now is the time to kiss and make up.

### ♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

It seems you are weighed down by domestic chores. Fortunately, beneficial events over the next two days will lighten your load and free up time for more enjoyable things. Love is in the air.

### ♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Keep your plans under wraps so no one has the chance to steal your ideas. One of the most creative times of the year will begin quite soon, so it's OK to put your own needs first.

### ♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

If you allow your emotions to get the better of you today then squabbles are inevitable, but if you refuse to give in to negative emotions then you will sail through the day with ease. The choice is yours.

### ♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Think before you speak today but don't hold back once you have decided what you want to say. Not everyone will be happy with your observations but what matters is that you call it as you see it.

### ♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Resist the urge to splash out on things you don't really want or need. Impulse buying will deplete your resources faster than you thought possible, so let someone else hold the purse strings.

### ♓ Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

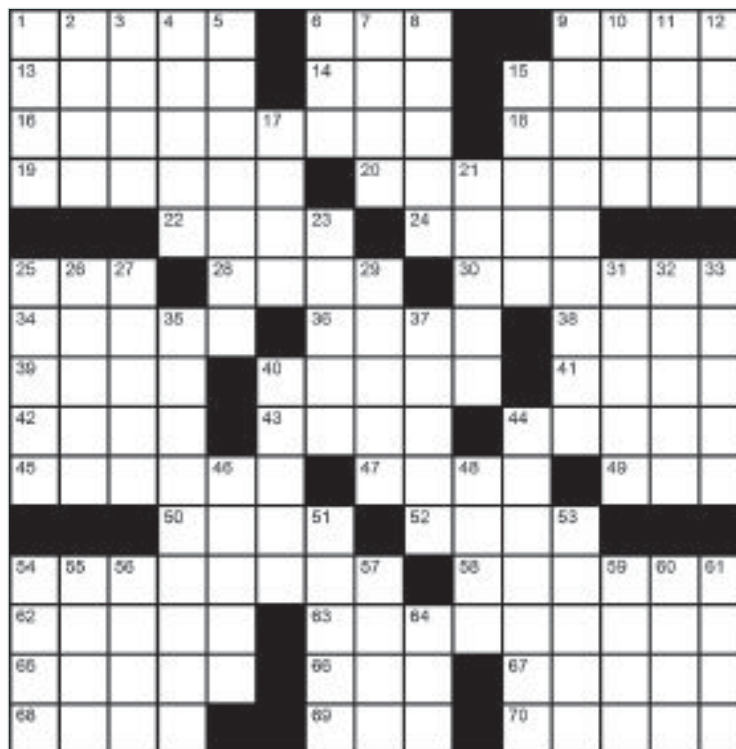
It's time to start something that delights you. It does not matter what your work or family responsibilities may be you must make time for what you enjoy.

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## Crossword: Canada Across and Down

### Across

- Drinks at ice cream parlors
- Wanna-\_\_ (Aspirants)
- Steve \_\_ (Anti-apartheid activist portrayed in 1987 film "Cry Freedom")
- \_\_ of faith
- Keyboard key
- Practical joke
- Prime Minister William Lyon \_\_ King
- \_\_ mortis
- Tempt
- Its motto is Gloriosis et Liber
- Not yet final, at law
- Peru's capital
- 'Violin' suffix
- Engrave
- Newfoundland town with an international airport
- Swimming spots
- Go backpacking
- Biblical peak
- Guess Who's "Hang \_\_ Your Life"
- \_\_-Tracy, Quebec
- Rick's 1942 film beloved
- God: French
- Train: Spanish
- "Boleró" composer
- Writer
- Singer Ms. Brickell
- Stop
- Walk on ice, do this
- J.R.R. Tolkien creatures
- Vancouver band, \_\_ Trench
- Painter or sculptor



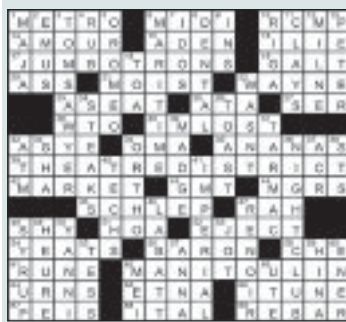
- '80s TV series, "The \_\_"
- Bigfoot
- Absurd
- Poetic contraction
- Magazine installment
- Kinks song
- English cathedral city
- Herb kind

### Down

- Broadway Auntie
- Mr. Thicke (Actor born in Kirkland Lake, Ontario)
- Univ. professor's speech
- "\_\_ Care of Business" by BTO
- Charles Darwin's On the Origin of \_\_
- Director Mr. Luhrmann
- \_\_ round (Part of a tournament)
- Be a thief
- Royal Yacht \_\_ (Yacht that Queen Elizabeth used)
- Character in Shakespeare's Othello
- Dresser drawer attach-

- ment
- Ingredient in Cajun cooking
- \_\_ ballerina
- Savings = \_\_ egg
- Mr. Lythgoe, "American Idol" executive producer
- Blood of ancient Greek gods
- Apple music players
- Type of boom
- Bag carrier
- New employee
- \_\_ into (Do investigative work)
- Buddy of "The Beverly Hillbillies"
- Willy Wonka creator Mr. Dahl
- American state with Acadian ancestry
- The Way of the Sword, martial art of Japan
- American writer Gertrude
- Military enlistee
- Point a finger at
- Baghdad's locale
- Use glue
- Hidden hoard
- Canada Post stuff
- \_\_ time (Never): 2 wds.
- Authentic
- Navigate
- \_\_-bitsy
- Soap \_\_ (Bathroom cleanser's target)
- You, Shakespeare-style
- Mr. Stallone, nicknamed

## Yesterday's Crossword



## Sudoku

### How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

## Yesterday's Sudoku



## Weather

TODAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY



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MIN: -9°



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